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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ELIMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL BANK CREDIT

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BANK OF ITALY VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL OSSOLA TOLD TREASATT MARCH 14 THAT BOI IS EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF REMOVING EXISTING 15 PERCENT CREDIT CEILING ON INDIVIDUAL COMMERCIAL BANKS. ALTHOUGH NO DECISION TAKEN AS YET, OSSOLA FELT THAT REVISED CASH RESERVE REQUIREMENT AND PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT REQUIREMENT (REFTEL) WERE SUFFICIENT TOOLS FOR CONTROLLING CREDIT SO AS TO STAY WITHIN IMF AND EC GLOBAL CREDIT CEILINGS. HOWEVER, HE THOUGH IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO SUPPLEMENT THESE TWO TOOLS SO THAT, INSTEAD OF CURRENT 15 PERCENT LIMIT, WITH SOME KINDS OF CREDIT SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED, THERE WOULD BE NO GENERAL LIMIT BUT SPECIFIC LIMITS MIGHT BE IMPOSED ON EACH BANK'S LENDING FOR NON-PRIORITY TYPES OF LOANS. VOLPE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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